

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and eleven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3155, H3155–56, H3192, H3193, H3193–94, H3194, H3195, H3195–96, H3211–12, H2312, H3213, H3213–14, and H3214–15. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12:01 a.m.

Committee Meetings

BORDER SECURITY—NATIONAL GUARD MISSION

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on Border Security—Mission of the National Guard. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Paul McHale, Assistant Secretary, Homeland Defense; MG Richard J. Rowe, USA, Director, Operations, U.S. Northern Command; and LTG H. Steven Blum, USA, Chief, National Guard Bureau; and David Aguilar, Chief, Border Patrol, U.S. Customs and Border Protection Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported the following bills: H. R. 5438, Public Health and Medical Emergency Coordination Act of 2006; H.R. 3997, amended, Financial Data Protection Act of 2006; and H. R. 5126, amended, Truth in Caller ID Act of 2006.

VEHICLE AND FUELS TECHNOLOGY: NEXT GENERATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing entitled “Vehicle and Fuels Technology: Next Generation.” Testimony was heard from Alexander A. Karsner, Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 5117, To exempt persons with disabilities from the prohibition against providing section 8 rental assistance to college students; H.R. 4127, amended, Data Accountability and Trust Act (DATA); H.R. 5341, amended, Seasoned Customer CTR Exemption Act of 2006; H.R. 3043, amended, Zero Downpayment Pilot Program Act of 2006; H.R. 5347, amended, HOPE VI Reauthorization Act of 2006; and H.R. 5121, amended, Expanding American Homeownership Act of 2006.

'06 HURRICANE SEASON PREPAREDNESS

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled “Getting Ready for the '06 Hurricane Season.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: George W. Foresman, Under Secretary, Preparedness; and Robert Shea, Acting Director, Operations, FEMA; MG Terry L. Scherling, USA, Director, Joint Staff, National Guard Bureau, Department of Defense; ADM W. Craig Vanderwagen, M.D., USN, Assistant Surgeon General, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

RESOLUTION OF INQUIRY

Committee on Homeland Security: Ordered reported adversely, without amendment, H. Res. 809, Directing the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution documents in the Secretary's possession relating to any existing or previous agreement between the Department of Homeland Security and Shirlington Limousine and Transportation, Incorporated, of Arlington, Virginia.

CFIUS REFORM

Committee on Homeland Security: Committee also held a hearing entitled “The Need for CFIUS Reform to Address Homeland Security Concerns.” Testimony was heard from Representatives Blunt and Maloney; Clay Lowery, Assistant Secretary, International Affairs, Department of the Treasury; Stewart Baker, Assistant Secretary, Policy, Planning, and International Affairs, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

CHIEF INTELLIGENCE OFFICER PROGRESS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment held a hearing entitled “Examining the Progress of the DHS Chief Intelligence Officer.” Testimony was heard from Charles E. Allen, Chief Intelligence Officer, Office of Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet and Intellectual Property, approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 1458, as amended, To require any Federal or State court to recognize any notarization made by a notary public licensed by a State other than the State where the court is located when such notarization occurs in or affects interstate commerce; H.R. 5440, Federal Courts Jurisdiction Clarification Act of 2006; and H.R. 5439, Orphan Works Act of 2006.

AMERICAN-MADE ENERGY AND GOOD JOBS ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 5429, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish and implement a competitive oil and gas leasing program that will result in an environmentally sound program for the exploration, development, and production of the oil and gas resources of the Coastal Plain of Alaska, in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Chairman Pombo.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 5441, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. Under the rules of the House the bill shall be read for amendment by paragraph. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill), except as specified in the resolution. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

SCIENCE POLICY/NOBEL LAUREATES

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standards held a hearing on the Views of the NIST Nobel Laureates on Science Policy. Testimony was heard from the following Nobel Laureates, Physics: William Phillips, 1997; Eric Cornell, 2001; and John Hall, 2005.

HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines held an oversight hearing on Understanding Contemporary Public Private Highway Transactions: The Future of Infrastructure Finance? Testimony was heard from the following Governors: Tim Kaine, Virginia; and Mitch Daniels, Indiana; Matthew Garrett, Director, Department of Transportation, State of Oregon; and public witnesses.

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROMOTION ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 4157, Health Information Technology Promotion Act of 2005.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold a closed briefing on the status of on-going investigations into an incident involving Iraqi civilians on November 19, 2005, near Haditha, 11:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to markup the Flood Insurance Reform and Modernization Act of 2006, and to consider the nominations of Armando J. Bucelo, Jr., and Todd S. Farha, both of Florida, each to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation, Jon T. Rymer, of Tennessee, to be Inspector General, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, John W. Cox, of Texas, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, and William Hardiman, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to resume hearings to examine S. 2686, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 and for other purposes, 11:15 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the outlook for growth of coal fired electric generation and whether sufficient supplies of coal will be available to supply electric generators on a timely basis both in the near term and in the future, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the current status of United Nations reform, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Michael E. Ranneberger, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kenya, Eric M. Bost, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa, W. Stuart Symington IV, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti, and Gayleatha Beatrice Brown, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Benin, 3 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider the nominations: of R. David Paulison, of Florida, to be Under Secretary for Federal Emergency Management, Department of Homeland Security, and Lurita Alexis Doan, of Virginia, to be Administrator of General Services, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Full Committee, with the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold joint hearings to examine VA data privacy breach, focusing on the recent theft of computer material